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SUBJECT: RFE INTEREST IN SENDING CORRESPONDENT TO BUCHAREST

- 1. IF AMBASSADOR BARNES AND DEPATMENT CONCUR, RFE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTEMPTING TO SEND RFE ROMANIAN BD STAFFER CUNEA TO BUCHAREST O COVER EARTHQUAKE STORY.
- 2. RFE DIRECTOR HEMSING HAS ASKED CONGEN TO OBTAIN AMBASSADOR'S REACTION TO IDEA OF VISA REQUEST FOR ROMANIAN SENIOR EDITOR SHAUL SARIN CUNEA, WHO BECAME US CITIZEN 8 MONTHS AGO. HEMSING INDICATED THAT RFE/RL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SCOTT CONCURRED WITH REQUEST.
- 3. 49-YEAR-OLD CUNEA LEFT ROMANIA FOR ISREAL LEGALLY IN 1965. HE HAS DIVESTED HIMSELF OF ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP BUT RETAINS ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP. CUNEA WAS NEWSPAPER AND RADIO JOURNALIST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM ROMANIA.
- 4. IF AMBASSADOR AND DEPARTMENT PERCEIVE NO RPT NO OBJECTIONS, REF WOULD REQUEST VISA FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN BONN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROVIDED RFFE/RL PRESIDENT NICKELSON CONCURRED.

5. CONGEN DOUBTS WHETHER THIS WOULD BE GOOD TIME TO RAISE ISSUE OF VISA FOR RFE CORRESPONDENT WITH ROMANIANS. CONGEN DOES NOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER, FEEL COMPETENT TO MAKE DECISION ON BEHALF OF EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT.BETTS

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